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Paul Kramer

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Via Teleconference

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PUBLIC ADVISER

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Robert Sarvey

Susan Sarvey Clean Air for Citizens and Legal Equality

via teleconference

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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	10:06 a.m.
3	ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Good
4	morning. I'm Commissioner Rosenfeld, for a
5	change. Chairman Keese is in Washington on
6	official business. Commissioner Geesman, would
7	you lead us in the Pledge.
8	(Whereupon the Pledge of Allegiance was
9	recited in unison.)
10	ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: We have one
11	item on the consent calendar. Do I hear a motion?
12	COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: So moved, Mr.
13	Chairman.
14	ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Would
15	somebody like to second the consent motion.
16	COMMISSIONER BOYD: Second the motion.
17	ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: All in favor
18	of the consent motion say aye.
19	(Ayes.)
20	ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: The ayes
21	have it, four to one four to zero.
22	(Laughter.)
23	ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Tesla Power
24	Plant project. Possible adoption of the Revised
25	Presiding Member's Proposed Decision recommending

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- 2 sponsored by Florida Power and Light, to be
- 3 located in eastern Alameda County near the City of
- 4 Tracy. The contact is Susan Gefter, and, Susan,
- 5 are you ready to enlighten us?
- 6 MS. GEFTER: Yes. The Commission is
- 7 asked to consider the Committee's Revised
- 8 Presiding Member's Proposed Decision on the Tesla
- 9 Power project. And this is a project that is
- 10 located in eastern Alameda County near the border
- 11 with San Joaquin County.
- We have determined that the project
- 13 complies with all federal, state standards and
- 14 laws. And we have several of the parties here
- 15 today. The applicant is here represented by Scott
- Galati; staff is here represented by Paul Kramer;
- 17 and intervenor Robert Sarvey is also here.
- 18 And I'll let the parties address the
- 19 Commission at this point.
- 20 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: All right.
- 21 I'm going to defer on this pretty much to Mr.
- Geesman, since he's the Chair of the Committee.
- 23 He suggests we talk to Mr. Galati, or hear from
- 24 Mr. Galati.
- MR. GALATI: Scott Galati on behalf of

- 1 FPL Energy, representing the Tesla Power Project.
- We have reviewed the Revised Presiding Member's
- 3 Proposed Decision. We made comments, one comment
- 4 on that Revised PMPD. And we have seen the errata
- 5 which addresses our comment.
- 6 We have looked at the errata and we
- 7 agree with all those comments. And we support the
- 8 Revised PMPD with the errata be adopted today.
- 9 Thank you.
- 10 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: And let's hear,
- 11 then, from the staff next. Mr. Kramer.
- MR. KRAMER: Thank you. We had one
- 13 request with regard to the errata, and that's to
- 14 remove -- there's a table that's proposed to be
- 15 inserted at the end of the cultural section. And
- that was meant, in our comments, to be
- 17 illustrative of the various timeframes that the
- 18 conditions would require. But there's at least
- 19 the possibility that that table may conflict in
- 20 some way on some detail with the actual specific
- 21 requirements that are in the written conditions.
- 22 And we'd rather not create that situation. So
- 23 we'd rather just remove that from the decision.
- It doesn't add anything; it was merely meant as a
- 25 summary.

1	COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Ms. Gefter, is
2	that satisfactory?
3	MS. GEFTER: That would be fine. I
4	understand from staff that that table was merely
5	meant to be illustrative to the Committee and
6	assist us in understanding the timing on the
7	conditions. But, as Mr. Kramer pointed out, the
8	conditions speak for themselves, and
9	COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Okay.
10	MS. GEFTER: the parties understand
11	the timing on these conditions.
12	COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Okay, so we'll
13	delete the table from the errata. Any other
14	comments, Mr. Kramer?
15	MR. KRAMER: I gather that Mr. Sarvey's
16	going to have quite a few, and I think it would be
17	more efficient if I waited to hear from him, and
18	then reply.
19	COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: That would be
20	fine. Mr. Sarvey.
21	MR. SARVEY: I believe first we have an
22	outstanding motion to deal with, and that's where
23	I would like to begin if that's
24	COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Okay. Ms.

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25 Gefter, do you want to -- we have several motions

1	to deal with. Do you want to tee them up for us?
2	MS. GEFTER: Okay. I think that the
3	first motion that Mr. Sarvey's referring to is his
4	motion to delay certification, which he included
5	in his June 7th comments on the Revised PMPD.
6	And in his motion to delay certification
7	Mr. Sarvey asked that the Commission defer to
8	CARB, California Air Resources Board, to analyze
9	the project's transport effects on air quality in
10	the San Joaquin Valley.
11	Mr. Sarvey argues that staff did not do
12	a complete job, and he questions staff's
13	cumulative impacts analysis in the case.
14	So, Mr. Sarvey, do you want to address
15	that particular motion first?
16	MR. SARVEY: Yes.
17	MS. GEFTER: Okay.
18	MR. SARVEY: First of all, I gave you a
19	handout; it's a map that most of you are familiar
20	with. And on the bottom it says the total
21	unmitigated emissions in San Joaquin Valley Air
22	Pollution Control District from East Altamont

25 Those total unmitigated emissions at the

cumulative perspective.

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- 3 of the agreements of the San Joaquin Valley Air
- 4 Pollution Control District.
- Now, in order for this project to be
- 6 ultimately completely mitigated there has to be a
- 7 transport factor established. And there's a
- 8 conflict with the transport factor in relation to
- 9 how East Altamont viewed it and how Tesla viewed
- 10 it.
- 11 So, essentially one decision is right,
- one decision is wrong. So one project is fully
- 13 mitigated, one project is not, or maybe both are
- 14 not.
- Now, the experts on transport and who
- 16 are legally required to respond to transport
- issues is the Air Resources Board. So in this
- 18 case I feel it's appropriate that the Air
- 19 Resources Board be consulted on this because the
- 20 positions are so opposite, the two decisions.
- One has a 70 percent factor that they
- 22 allow credit for from Pittsburg and the rest of
- 23 the emission reduction credits are 23 percent.
- The other decision totally renounces the 70
- 25 percent factor, and that's the East Altamont

decision. And in that decision, the g	ıy who
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- developed it, Mr. Tuan Ngo, he renounced that 70
- 3 percent factor, as well.
- So I think -- I've never heard of a 70
- 5 percent transport factor from Pittsburg in any
- 6 other case or any -- and I realize this is a
- 7 unique case, but I think this needs to be
- 8 resolved, otherwise we have one project or the
- 9 other that is not mitigated. So I would like to
- 10 see CARB consulted on this. That's the basis of
- 11 my motion.
- 12 And I've handed you a sheet there that
- 13 pretty clearly summarizes the two stances that the
- 14 cases have taken. And that's pretty much the
- 15 extent of it.
- 16 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Okay. Mr.
- 17 Kramer, does the staff have a response?
- MR. KRAMER: Yes, we don't understand
- 19 Mr. Ngo to have renounced that he first
- 20 established the 70 percent factor by reviewing the
- 21 various air quality data. Mr. Birdsall, who was
- 22 the expert, staff's expert, in this case reviewed
- 23 that information and other information; and he
- 24 believes that the 70 percent factor is correct.
- 25 And the Committee in this case

1 considered all that evidence. Mr. Sarvey had 2 ample opportunity to cross-examine the witnesses; 3 to argue it to the Committee, his position.

In essence he's just trying to continue that argument. At some point the Commission has to make a decision based on the evidence in the record in this case.

It's not clear to me from reading the East Altamont decision exactly what factor they adopted for the Pittsburg credits. But I don't understand them to have said they have no value.

And I suspect if we did the math it might be very similar. I can't tell you one way or another.

In that particular case the parties came to the Commission with a package. And the East Altamont Committee apparently decided, and they said in their decision, that they mitigation package that was agreed upon by the applicant in that case, the Air District, adequately mitigated environmental impacts.

We're not talking here about air quality rules, and what the requirements of the Bay Area Air District are under their air quality rules; we're talking about additional mitigation that staff has recommended to make sure that the

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environmental impacts in a CEQA analysis, that
they have been adequately mitigated.
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Staff continues to believe that the 70 percent factor is appropriate. We've noted in our response to Mr. Sarvey's comments that we filed yesterday that if this were in the San Joaquin District, they would allow use of credits from the Pittsburg/Antioch area, and they would apply a two-thirds, or 66.7 percent factor, which is basically similar to the factor that we're proposing. There's no substantive difference.

And this project, of course, is not in the San Joaquin District. It's permitted by the Bay Area. And, again, staff is trying to add additional mitigation.

The Air Resources Board has been -- at least they've had available to them, I don't know the depth to which they've analyzed this issue, but they've certainly been monitoring these proceedings and they have not commented that they perceive any particular problem or inconsistency between those decisions.

But the bottomline is the record in this case is what must form the decision of the Committee. And now, today, the Commission. And

1 what happened in Ea	st Altamont, you just can't
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- 2 bring in a sound-bite from that case and argue
- 3 that that somehow is to influence the results in
- 4 this case.
- 5 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Mr. Galati, do
- 6 you have anything to add?
- 7 MR. GALATI: Yes, I would just like to
- 8 briefly add in the East Altamont case the
- 9 Commission relied heavily on what the San Joaquin
- 10 Valley District had decided on the transport
- 11 factor.
- 12 I'd just like to point out that this
- 13 applicant came in with that proposal that was with
- 14 the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control
- 15 District where they had agreed on a particular
- 16 transport factor.
- 17 Staff found that additional mitigation
- 18 was necessary. So the Revised PMPD would be
- 19 adopting more mitigation than was required for
- 20 East Altamont using the same analysis. And this
- 21 applicant has agreed to that.
- I would also point out that while CARB
- does provide guidance, it is ultimately, we
- 24 believe, the District's call and the Energy
- 25 Commission's call as to whether the impacts are

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1 fully mitigated. CARB guidance was used; the
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- 2 District consulted with CARB; came up with a
- 3 transport factor that quite frankly was less than
- 4 what's happening here.
- 5 The end result is there's more
- 6 mitigation due to the Energy Commission's
- 7 involvement.
- 8 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Do we have anyone
- 9 on the phone that wants to address us on Mr.
- 10 Sarvey's motion?
- MR. BOYD: Mike Boyd.
- MS. GEFTER: Mr. Boyd, who represent
- 13 CARE, which is another intervenor in this case,
- 14 would like to address that issue.
- 15 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Okay, Mr. Boyd.
- MR. BOYD: Hello?
- 17 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Yes, go ahead,
- 18 Mike.
- 19 MR. BOYD: Hi. Well, I basically
- 20 support what Bob's saying. I support his motion.
- 21 And I just wanted to let you guys know that I
- started a new job so I can't really stay on the
- 23 phone for too long.
- 24 But basically, me and Bob have talked
- 25 before the meeting today, and pretty much with

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1 what he's doing we support it. And I'll just
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- 2 leave it at that. And whatever the outcome is in
- 3 your deliberations, that'll be (inaudible). Thank
- 4 you.
- 5 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Okay, thank you.
- 6 MR. LUBOVISKI: Barry Luboviski with the
- 7 Building Trades Council. I'm on and wish to
- 8 speak.
- 9 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Yes, go ahead.
- 10 MR. LUBOVISKI: I unfortunately was not
- 11 able to get on to hear the motion, as I had
- 12 difficulty getting through and getting recognized
- with the number that I was given, but I've
- 14 resolved that obviously, I'm on.
- Not knowing the motion I'd like to speak
- and, I think, make my comments clear regarding the
- 17 Tesla project.
- MS. GEFTER: Just a moment --
- 19 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Let me --
- 20 MS. GEFTER: Mr. Luboviski is a member
- of the public and not a party to this --
- 22 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Okay. We'll take
- 23 your comment a little bit later. We want to deal
- 24 with the motions first.
- MR. LUBOVISKI: I understand. If you

1	could tell me one thing for procedure?
2	COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Certainly.
3	MR. LUBOVISKI: I'm in somebody's office
4	at a meeting. If it looks like it's going to be a
5	half hour or more, rather than sitting on the
6	phone, I would appreciate being able to call back.
7	COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: I don't think it
8	will be that long.
9	MR. LUBOVISKI: Then I'll wait. And,
10	thank you, sir.
11	MS. GEFTER: Okay. And Brewster
12	Birdsall, who was staff on this case, is on the
13	phone if anyone has any questions for him. He was
14	the staff person who did the analysis.
15	ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Can't hear
16	you, Susan. You're going to have to talk louder.
17	MS. GEFTER: I'm sorry. I just said
18	that Brewster Birdsall, who was the staff analyst
19	on this case, is on the phone if any member of the

front of us is one of whether to delay the
certification in order to consult with the ARB.

Do any of my colleagues have a desire to speak

COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: The motion in

Commission has questions for him.

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25 with Mr. Birdsall before we vote on the motion to

delay certification?

2	COMMISSIONER PFANNENSTIEL: What I
3	heard, I just want to make sure I'm correct, was
4	that the ARB was consulted in this process. And I
5	guess by the Air Quality Management Board. Is
6	that correct? I mean, that their information did
7	come in through that process?
8	MR. GALATI: That's correct. The San
9	Joaquin District and the applicant had met with
10	ARB; and ARB was sent a copy of the air quality
11	mitigation agreement, which subsequently the
12	mitigation was increased.
13	COMMISSIONER PFANNENSTIEL: Yes, thank
14	you.
15	COMMISSIONER BOYD: Mr. Sarvey seems to
16	have a difference of opinion.
17	MR. SARVEY: Well, I met with the ARB

last Tuesday. They've never even heard of the 70 percent transport factor, and it kind of made their jaw drop when they heard about it. And I was hoping that they would be here to support this motion. But, obviously, they have not been.

But there was another issue, as well.

The Commission filed a response to my motion to

delay certification, and also supplied comments on

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1 a revised PMPD.
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- MS. GEFTER: Okay, Mr. Sarvey, that's a
- 3 separate issue.
- 4 MR. SARVEY: Okay, I'm sorry.
- 5 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Yeah, we're
- 6 focused on --
- 7 MR. SARVEY: I'm sorry.
- 8 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: -- your motion
- 9 right now, Bob.
- 10 I would recommend that we vote to deny
- 11 the motion to delay certification. Is there a
- 12 motion to that effect?
- 13 COMMISSIONER PFANNENSTIEL: I so move.
- 14 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Is there a
- 15 second?
- 16 COMMISSIONER BOYD: I'll second it. I'd
- 17 like to just comment that, as Mr. Sarvey knows, I
- 18 know a lot about air pollution and the business.
- 19 And I'm deferring heavily to the Committee here.
- I'm disturbed by the "yes, we did know/
- 21 we didn't" with regard to whether the ARB was a
- 22 player here. But I know the process quite well.
- 23 And I know the local districts are in charge of
- 24 the situation. And that they operate under
- 25 guidance from the ARB.

1	And I would say perhaps Mr. Sarvey needs
2	to take the issue of what guides the district in
3	question to the ARB and appeal it there. But in
4	this case I think we have to defer to the record
5	that's been established. And that's why I'll
6	second the motion

MS. GEFTER: I'll also reiterate to the Commission what staff indicated again, which is that this ratio of the 70 percent transport factor goes to staff's CEQA analysis and CEQA mitigation plan, which is in addition to the FDOC, which was issued by the Bay Area Air District, and in consultation with the San Joaquin Valley Air District, in terms of mitigating in that area for any transport of air pollutants from the project into San Joaquin Valley.

COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Is there any

further discussion on the motion?

MS. KIM: I have a brief comment. I

believe that a couple of seconds ago Mr. Sarvey

wanted to make a comment on the procedural aspect

of the motion. To the extent that you're going to

be ruling on the substantive part, I think you may

25 He feels basically that there was some

want to hear what he has to say.

- sort of a defect in the reply that was filed by
- 2 staff. So, perhaps you want to elaborate on that.
- 3 MR. SARVEY: Well, staff filed the
- 4 Commission Staff response to Intervenor Sarvey's
- 5 motion to delay certification and comments on
- 6 Revised PMPD.
- 7 And I received this notification of this
- 8 at 3:00 yesterday. Now, written comments for even
- 9 the public were closed on Monday. Now, I don't
- 10 object to the portion of this response to the
- 11 motion, but apparently they have chosen to comment
- 12 on all of my comments on the Revised PMPD, biology
- and so on. And I feel that's inappropriate. I
- 14 feel that should be stricken from the record
- 15 because essentially everybody had an opportunity
- 16 to comment on the PMPD. There was no opportunity
- 17 to file reply briefs on comments to the RPMPD is
- 18 something that I've never seen.
- 19 So, I mean I don't even know if the
- 20 Committee's had an opportunity to see this. But
- 21 this is inappropriate.
- 22 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Well, I can say
- 23 it was handed to me on my way down the stairs to
- 24 this meeting. I've not had an opportunity to read
- 25 it. If the staff chooses to, and can verbally

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1 summarize their comments, when we get to the
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- 2 substantive portion.
- 3 But I don't think this particular
- 4 discussion relates to our decision on your motion
- 5 to delay. So if we can postpone the substantive
- 6 discussion for a couple minutes, I'd like to
- 7 dispense with the motion to delay first.
- 8 MR. SARVEY: Well, just that there was a
- 9 lot of inaccurate statements in this, and --
- 10 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: And I'll give you
- 11 the opportunity to point those out in a couple of
- 12 minutes.
- MR. SARVEY: Okay, thank you.
- 14 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Is there any
- 15 further discussion on the motion to delay? It's
- been moved and seconded that we deny Mr. Sarvey's
- motion to delay.
- 18 All those in favor, please say aye.
- 19 (Ayes.)
- 20 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Opposed? Motion
- 21 is denied four to zero.
- Now, I believe that's all the motions
- that you had, Mr. Sarvey. So we're prepared to
- get into the substantive aspect of your comments.
- 25 MR. SARVEY: Basically, I received this

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1 yesterday, as well. And I have not had an
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- 2 opportunity to thoroughly review it, digest it.
- 3 And I --
- 4 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Let me suggest
- 5 that you not feel the need to address it unless
- 6 the staff chooses to raise their comments
- 7 verbally. Just go over your substantive points;
- 8 don't feel a need to rebut the staff until the
- 9 staff has made points that you object to.
- 10 MR. SARVEY: Well, I don't really want
- 11 to rebut this. I want this stricken from the
- 12 record as an inappropriate filing. Obviously you
- don't file a reply brief to comments on the RPMPD,
- 14 which is essentially what five pages of this
- 15 filing is. I would like to have it stricken from
- 16 the record. I don't think it belongs on the
- 17 administrative or the evidentiary record.
- 18 And if you read it, for instance it's
- 19 full of information that's untrue. It says right
- 20 here that the most recently licensed major power
- 21 plant, Inland Empire, would achieve 4 ppm CO.
- It's stating that, you know, that's the standard.
- 23 Well, in fact, we know Magnolia was just permitted
- by yourself and Mr. Birdsall was the air quality
- expert for 2 ppm CO.

1	So, I mean we can't have things on the
2	record that there's no opportunity to respond to,
3	that are inaccurate. And I could go on on a
4	couple other points, but I don't think that the
5	business meeting is the appropriate place to do
6	that.
7	And that's basically why I'm objecting
8	to this information.
9	COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Ms. Gefter, can
10	you help us out here?
11	MS. GEFTER: As Commissioner Geesman
12	mentioned earlier, staff would have the
13	opportunity to present oral comments today to any
14	issues raised by Mr. Sarvey.
15	So, at this point, whether or not this
16	document is stricken from the record would be
17	irrelevant. The Commission could, you know, grant
18	Mr. Sarvey's request and staff would still have
19	the opportunity to respond to Mr. Sarvey's
20	comments on the PMPD. I don't see that that would
21	create a problem in the record or in the
22	presentation to the Commission today.
23	The document that we're discussing is
24	entitled, Commission Staff's Response to
25	Intervenor Sarvey's Motion to Delay Certification

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        and Comments on Revised PMPD. It was docketed
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        June 15th, yesterday.
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A page and a half of that is a response 3 to Mr. Sarvey's motion to delay. And the rest of 5 the document deals with staff's response to 6 comments by Mr. Sarvey on the PMPD. So, if the Commission decides to agree with Mr. Sarvey you 7 could strike the last five pages of the document. 8 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Let's go to your 9 substantive points first, Mr. Sarvey.

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MR. SARVEY: Related to this document? 11 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Related to the 12

Revised PMPD. 13

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14 MR. SARVEY: Oh, you want to --15 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: I'm trying to focus on the substance here and --16

17 MR. SARVEY: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: -- get away from the cops-and-robbers stuff. 19

MR. SARVEY: Okay, no problem. Sorry. Well, Commissioners, as you know, the Tesla project is being sited within five miles of the 1100 megawatt East Altamont Energy Center. And when the wind blows in the San Joaquin County, which is 75 percent of the time, as the record

day of directly emitted PM2.5 into our county.

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1 reflects, these two projects will emit one ton per
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- Well, currently, according to the Air
- 4 Resources Board database, San Joaquin County has
- 5 14 tons a day of directly emitted PM2.5. These
- 6 two projects will increase direct PM2.5 emissions
- 7 into San Joaquin County by 8 percent.
- 8 The mitigation for the 149 tons per year
- 9 of PM2.5 from the East Altamont Energy Center is
- 10 an SO2 credit that was created in 1989 in
- 11 Pittsburg in an entirely different air basin, the
- 12 Bay Area Air Quality Management District, which I
- 13 referred to earlier.

- 14 The mitigation for Tesla is 196 tons of
- 15 PM2.5 is an ERC from 1984 in Pittsburg. Well,
- saying that a PM2.5 emission reduction for
- 17 Pittsburg created in 1984 is CEQA mitigation in
- 18 San Joaquin County is like telling an asthmatic
- 19 sitting in this room that it's okay to smoke
- 20 because outside I quit smoking in 1984. And
- 21 that's the parallel I draw to that.
- I do not believe that pre-1990 ERCs are
- 23 CEQA mitigation. They are pieces of paper that
- are used to establish attainment in Air Districts.
- In this instance I have two pre-1990 ERCs

- offsetting PM2.5 into the county.
- There is other mitigation involved here.
- 3 One is a road-paving credit which the decision
- 4 renounces. The decision says the road-paving
- 5 credit is essentially worthless except for the
- 6 PM10 that's coming out of the cooling tower.
- 7 And then there's 48 tons of yet-to-be-
- 8 determined PM2.5 reductions which do not even have
- 9 to be achieved to allow this plant to run. This
- 10 plant could run without achieving that 48 tons.
- So what is the health impact of an 8
- 12 percent increase in PM2.5 that will occur in San
- Joaquin County for these two projects? We don't
- 14 know.
- This impact is compounded by the 20,000
- 16 homes and two business parks that the City has
- 17 permitted within close proximity of the Tesla
- Power Plant. I provided you a page here that is
- 19 the most recent picture of development within six
- 20 miles of this project.
- 21 And as you'll see in the bottom there's
- 22 a total of 3000 tons of NOx, 2300 tons per year of
- VOCs, and 312 tons of PM10. They're not even
- 24 included in the cumulative impact report. The
- 25 reason they're not, staff claims that this is

1 background. I thoroughly disagree. That's an 2 enormous amount of development and an enormous 3 amount of pollution that is documented and certified EIRs that are exhibits in this project. 5 So I think that the Commission closely has to look at this. This should be included in 6 7 the cumulative study. So, over the last three years three 8 9 projects now, the Tracy Peaker project I participated in; the East Altamont Energy Center; 10 and now the Tesla project. I've asked for a 11 12 complete air analysis and health risk assessment 13 of these projects and the three projects together. 14 To date it hasn't been done. 15 I'm not the only one that's asked for 16

that. Staff, in the East Altamont Energy Center, asked for a cumulative air analysis that included all the power projects and already permitted residential building projects. My Assemblywoman Barbara Matthews sent several letters to the Energy Commission requesting this analysis.

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Today I'm going to ask one more time. Before you permit this project make sure that these projects will not further compromise the health of my community which already suffers from

an inhalation cancer risk three times the state

average and a 14 percent asthma rate.

I'd ask you not to rely on a

hypothetical analysis that establishes a new

unsubstantiated 70 percent effectiveness factor

for ERCs from Pittsburg. If that analysis were

true all power plants in Pittsburg should be

providing 70 percent of their offsets in San

Joaquin County.

That analysis, the 70 percent analysis, was clearly rejected in the East Altamont Energy Center, and the PMPD for the East Altamont Energy Center says, staff adopted a 70 percent factor from emissions from the Pittsburg area. This was adopted because staff felt applying the 27 percent transport factor would be too punitive. Our analysis of the transport factor is equally applicable here. We find no logical basis for a 70 percent factor. And, again, do not think the methodology is established well enough to override the Bay Area decisions. And that's from the final decision on the East Altamont Energy Center, page 144.

Seeing that it's been clearly rejected by the East Altamont Energy Center Committee and

1 Mr. Ngo, you should also reject it here. I
2 believe you should look closely at this analysis
3 that would classify a majority of emissions from
4 future permitted land use projects as background
5 emissions, and ignore certified EIRs which predict
6 thousands of tons of criteria air pollutants a
7 year, within six miles of this project.

If you accept that premise there's no reason to supply any emission offsets from any project, nor do any analysis of any kind. All we have to say is emissions are decreasing; we don't have to worry about them. We don't have to include them in a cumulative assessment. I think that's a false way to look at it.

These mitigation schemes must rely on an evaluation that makes sense. The Air Resources

Board has never established a 70 percent transport factor; and the Energy Commission lacks the expertise and the jurisdiction to do so.

In this project I've argued that ammonia slip and CO emissions should be limited to 2 ppm.

And I provided evidence from the Air Resources

Board and operating permits from Massachusetts as exhibits, which are concrete evidence that these levels are permitted and achieved in practice. I

- 1 provided evidence of predicted CO violations in
- 2 the project area. Staff's witness claims he's
- 3 unfamiliar with these projects and these CO and
- 4 ammonia slip levels have not been permitted in
- 5 California.
- 6 The RPMPD implies that since this 2 ppm
- 7 ammonia slip has not been permitted in California
- 8 that we need not consider it. Well, recently the
- 9 Magnolia Power Plant, I believe it was January
- 10 7th, established BACT for CO in the State of
- 11 California as 2 ppm, with Mr. Birdsall as the air
- 12 quality expert and Commissioner Geesman as the
- 13 Presiding Member and Sue Gefter as the Hearing
- 14 Officer.
- So, if you do nothing else on this
- 16 project, if you do not deny it, at least require
- 17 they use the lowest emission rates possible.
- Thank you.
- 19 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Would the staff
- 20 like to respond to any of Mr. Sarvey's substantive
- 21 points?
- MR. KRAMER: Yes. First of all, could
- 23 we open Mr. Birdsall's mike? Okay, Brewster, are
- you there?
- MR. BIRDSALL: Yes, I am.

1	MR. KRAMER: Okay, could you explain the
2	difference in the CO requirements between Magnolia
3	and this project, and the reason for that?
4	MR. BIRDSALL: Well, Magnolia is located
5	in the South Coast Air Quality Management
6	District, which is a nonattainment area for carbon
7	monoxide. This District, which has
8	jurisdiction to determine what is the lowest
9	achievable emission rate for that pollutant, the
10	carbon monoxide, has decided, as Sarvey points
11	out, that a 2 ppm well, let me back up.
12	I don't have the Magnolia case in front
13	of me, so I can't say exactly what's in the
14	Magnolia case. But, the setting in the South
15	Coast Air Quality Management District dictates a
16	closer look at carbon monoxide emissions because
17	it is an existing nonattainment area.
18	MR. KRAMER: Okay, the 2 ppm requirement
19	came from staff or from the Air District?
20	MR. BIRDSALL: Well, that would be an
21	Air District requirement.
22	MR. KRAMER: Okay, and in this case what
23	did in the Tesla case what did the Air District
24	recommend?
25	MR. BIRDSALL: The Air District in the

1	Tesla	case	recommended	the	4	ppm	that	is	going

- 2 forward in the Revised PMPD.
- 3 MR. KRAMER: Okay, and staff modeled the
- 4 carbon monoxide impacts, correct?
- 5 MR. BIRDSALL: Yes, that's correct.
- 6 MR. KRAMER: And what emission rate did
- 7 you use in that model?
- 8 MR. BIRDSALL: Well, the modeling
- 9 analysis for carbon monoxide was actually based on
- 10 the applicant's original proposal of 6 ppm. And
- 11 that modeling analysis demonstrated that the
- 12 project would not cause a violation of carbon
- monoxide standards. And that because the existing
- 14 conditions in the San Joaquin Valley and the Bay
- Area Air District are both well within the ambient
- 16 air quality standards for carbon monoxide, that no
- 17 mitigation beyond what the Air District requires
- as best available control technology would be
- 19 appropriate.
- 20 And as I mentioned a minute ago, the Bay
- 21 Area Air Quality Management District has
- 22 determined that the 4 ppm limit is the lowest
- 23 achievable emission rate.
- 24 And this is a decision that's not made
- in a vacuum. I also would like to draw Mr.

1	Sarvey's attention to another recent case in the
2	South Coast that happened sort of in the same
3	timeframe as Magnolia, which is the Inland Empire
4	case, which has been approved in December of 2003
5	by the South Coast Air Quality Management
6	District, with the lowest achievable emission rate
7	of 4 ppm for carbon monoxide.
8	So, in that case the South Coast Air
9	District has decided for these large frame,
10	combined cycle power plants that the 4 ppm does
11	represent the lowest achievable emission rate.
12	MR. KRAMER: Okay, so the Inland Empire
13	was a different power plant design than Magnolia?
14	Is that what you're saying?
15	MR. BIRDSALL: Well, actually I'm not
16	certain. Inland Empire is a very similar design
17	to Tesla Power Plant, though, because it does
18	include a duct firing system and the heat recovery
19	steam generators that are common in the combined
20	cycle system.
21	MR. KRAMER: Okay, both of those are

much larger than the Magnolia Plant, correct?

MR. BIRDSALL: Well, that's true. The

total output of Inland Empire is roughly on the

order of 500 megawatts. And I know that Magnolia

- 1 is much smaller.
- 2 MR. KRAMER: Okay. Mr. Galati pointed
- 3 out that the local Air District was willing to go
- 4 with a certain level of mitigation that was
- 5 reflected in their agreement with the applicant.
- 6 And staff required more than that agreement
- 7 required as far as mitigation goes for impacts in
- 8 San Joaquin County, is that correct?
- 9 MR. BIRDSALL: That's correct. The
- 10 question of transport has been overhanging this
- 11 case really since the beginning. And all parties
- 12 have agreed that some kind of mitigation beyond
- 13 the emission reduction credits provided within the
- 14 Bay Area Air Quality Management District would
- 15 need to be provided.
- 16 And the San Joaquin Valley Air District
- 17 developed an air quality mitigation plan with the
- 18 applicant that staff reviewed very carefully. And
- 19 staff found that additional mitigation would be
- 20 necessary.
- Now, staff used a number of assumptions
- in that analysis; one of the assumptions was the
- 70 percent factor. But the bottomline, as Mr.
- 24 Galati has pointed out, is that staff is requiring
- 25 mitigation above and beyond what the San Joaquin

1 Valley Air District had recommended for this plant

- 2 in their original air quality mitigation
- 3 agreement.
- 4 MR. KRAMER: Okay, thank you. As far as
- 5 some of the other points raised by Mr. Sarvey, and
- I may hit some of them that he hasn't raised
- 7 orally today, but he raised in his comments.
- 8 I actually intended this written filing
- 9 that's become so controversial to be helpful
- 10 because the parties and the Commission hopefully
- 11 would have some advance -- an advance opportunity
- 12 to review our thoughts.
- Because Mr. Sarvey's comments were not
- 14 served electronically like everyone else had to,
- 15 we didn't actually receive his comments until I
- 16 believe it was Thursday of last week. And, you
- 17 know, it's basically a village it takes to write
- 18 this sort of thing and review it. So it took us a
- 19 few days to turn it around. And unfortunately we
- 20 couldn't provide it to anyone until yesterday.
- 21 But let me hit the high points so that
- it's place in the record isn't of terrible
- consequence one way or another.
- 24 We believe that the air quality findings
- 25 are supported by substantial evidence. There is

ample evidence in this record for the 70 percent
effectiveness factor. The idea there is that I
think the value Mr. Sarvey would like to use would
be an average value for all emission credits
anywhere in the Bay Area; so an average over the
whole Bay Area.

Many parts of the Bay Area are very far, certain meteorologically, from Tracy; something that's emitted in San Jose is going to have a tough time getting out there. But staff studied the relationship of air masses between the Pittsburg/Antioch area and the Tracy area and found that there was a much closer connection.

So if you took the average for the Bay

Area that might be on the order of 27 percent, I

believe is the number people use. But if you just

look at the close credits, the Pittsburg/

Antioch's, staff felt 70 percent was appropriate.

We've discussed this in various hearings and workshops. Mr. Sarvey keeps bringing up new ideas during the comment periods. This has to end at some point. This can't be a debate that goes on forever. We have to call a timeout; decide the case on the evidence that we have after we've given everyone a reasonable opportunity to present

- 1 their case, which we believe has occurred.
- 2 In many cases Mr. Sarvey wants to look
- 3 just at the unmitigated impacts of the project.
- In other words, what's coming out of the stacks
- 5 without taking into account the offsets, both in
- 6 the form of ERCs, discounted in various ways
- 7 depending on where they are. For instance, the
- 8 landfill paving discount, the ERCs were discounted
- 9 because of how much of it was actually PM2.5,
- 10 which is what we were more interested in. The 70
- 11 percent for Pittsburg/Antioch.
- 12 And then also condition AQC-7, setting
- up a program. We don't know exactly how those
- 14 additional reductions are going to come because
- 15 the program hasn't been funded or implemented yet.
- 16 But it is going to produce reductions. Or if it
- doesn't, there are going to be some limits on the
- 18 operation of the power plant. It's not going to
- 19 be able to operate full tilt until these benefits,
- or the reductions in emissions elsewhere have been
- 21 produced.
- So, we think that's a key assumption
- 23 that Mr. Sarvey should not be making, that he
- should be comparing unmitigated emissions. He
- 25 should be comparing, instead, emissions after the

- 1 mitigation has been applied.
- 2 And in that context then his concerns
- 3 about these other development projects, it almost
- 4 sounds as if he's asking this power plant to clean
- 5 up other projects. And that, of course, is
- 6 inappropriate. This power plant is only
- 7 responsible, under CEQA, for its impacts, the
- 8 impacts that it causes directly or indirectly.
- 9 As far as those other projects, again,
- 10 staff has explained, most recently at the April
- 11 hearings, that the background concentrations that
- 12 we have today, in other words the ambient air
- 13 measurements, they adequately represent what will
- 14 be achieved because of future growth for projects
- such as these residential areas, small business
- 16 parks. Because our cars are getting cleaner. I
- 17 think probably even our very small sources, water
- 18 heaters, home heaters, that sort of thing, those
- are the small sources that you find in these
- 20 residential developments.
- 21 It's not power plants, cement plants,
- 22 big producers. Those types of operations would
- 23 have to go get their own permits from the Air
- 24 District.
- So, we can take today's background level

1 and even though there will be more people driving

- 2 more cars, more miles, the net effect of the
- 3 increases in the efficiency of controls of those
- 4 engines means that the total amount of emissions
- 5 that they put out will be the same or less than
- 6 what we have today.
- 7 And staff believes that's a very
- 8 reasonable assumption. They make it in all of
- 9 their cases. If we're going to question that,
- 10 obviously we're going to have to go back and re-
- 11 analyze things. But that is the approach that
- 12 staff takes. We believe it encompasses all of the
- 13 projects that Mr. Sarvey has suggested need to be
- included in the cumulative impact analysis. And
- 15 there is no reason to do any more work on that
- 16 analysis.
- 17 Ammonia slip, the Massachusetts cases
- 18 appear to have taken a different approach.
- 19 They're willing to have more direct PM emissions
- 20 in favor of reducing the ammonia slip. Staff is
- 21 not convinced that this project or any other power
- 22 plant of this size could meet its other emission
- 23 requirements that we've set, which are pretty low,
- 24 very low, in fact, and still stay under the
- ammonia slip limit that Mr. Sarvey is proposing.

1	We do believe, however, that whenever
2	the plant can, and it will be probably most of the
3	time except when it's starting up and shutting
4	down, because ammonia costs money and a prudent
5	operator of a plant is going to want to use only
6	as much ammonia as he absolutely has to, that
7	there are economic incentives for this applicant
8	to keep the slip far below 5 ppm.
9	We just don't believe we can say you

We just don't believe we can say you have to be at 2 ppm all the time because there will be times during their operation cycles that they can't achieve that.

That's not everything we said in these seven pages. But I believe those are the high points that we want to make sure that we've covered for you today.

I'm sorry, I need to make one more point. Those of us who have been around long enough I think intuitively know this, but staff's analysis of health risks from power plant emissions, whether they're toxics or criteria air pollutants, is handled in two separate tracks.

One is the air quality analysis for criteria pollutants that are regulated by the air districts. And then all the other emissions are

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- 3 the staff analysis.
- 4 Mr. Sarvey has argued that the health
- 5 risk assessment needs to include PM2.5, but that's
- 6 a criteria pollutant now that is regulated by the
- 7 air districts, and it's covered in the air quality
- 8 analysis.
- 9 And with that I think I will sit down,
- 10 at least for a moment, unless you have questions.
- 11 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Are there
- 12 questions for Mr. Kramer?
- 13 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Mr. Kramer, can you
- indicate for us how much money is pledged between
- 15 AQC-7 and AQC-9 to address air quality issues in
- 16 the Tracy area?
- 17 MR. KRAMER: Mr. Galati has a number on
- 18 the tip of his tongue.
- 19 MR. GALATI: It's \$1.6 million; \$600,000
- 20 which was offered by this applicant and
- 21 memorialized in AQC-9 to be used directly with the
- 22 City of Tracy in coordination with the San Joaquin
- 23 Valley Air Pollution Control District.
- 24 And in addition there is approximately a
- 25 million dollars going to San Joaquin Valley to

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- 2 And, again, if I can just point out
- 3 what's different about this mitigation package
- 4 than maybe what you saw in East Altamont, we have
- 5 also taken a limit on operating such that not one
- of those emissions would occur until those real
- 7 reductions are obtained.
- 8 That's how AQC-7, which the applicant
- 9 proposed, it works as a sliding scale.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Thank you.
- 11 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Any other
- 12 questions for Mr. Kramer?
- Mr. Galati, do you have any response to
- Mr. Sarvey's substantive points that you want to
- share with us?
- MR. GALATI: Yeah, I promise I'll be
- 17 brief. This project had quite a few evidentiary
- 18 hearings. The evidentiary process, although
- 19 painful, often sitting in this chart, did its job.
- 20 Mr. Sarvey had every opportunity to raise each and
- 21 every issue that you're hearing about right now,
- 22 and there was debate and discussion in an
- 23 evidentiary format.
- This is not the appropriate place for us
- 25 to raise all of these issues again. We concur

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with staff's opinion that it should, at some point
in time, end.
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- I'd like to just summarize for you what

 we see the end. This project is mitigating in

 just about every area, I think, a more stringent

 mitigation package than you approved in East
- 7 Altamont.
- Specifically, East Altamont has a 10 ppm

 ammonia slip. This applicant was responsible and

 came in with a 5 ppm ammonia slip. And we're

 continuing to talk it out whether it should go

 lower. Staff and applicant agree that the ammonia

 slip is not an issue here. And again, we would

 ask that this process come to an end. Thank you.
- 15 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Is Mr. Boyd still
 16 on the phone? Does he wish to respond to Mr.
- 17 Sarvey's substantive points?
- 18 MR. BOYD: Hello. No, I basically, as I
- said earlier, I agree with what Bob put forward.
- 20 We've talked about it and I concur with his
- 21 position.
- 22 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Okay, thank you,
- 23 Mike. The gentleman from the Building Trades?
- MR. LUBOVISKI: Myself and three other
- 25 speakers. We will each speak about a minute and a

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- 1 half.
- 2 My name is Barry Luboviski; and for the
- 3 record Luboviski is spelled L-u-b, as in boy, o-v,
- as in victor, -i-s-k-i. I'm Secretary-Treasurer
- 5 of the Building and Construction Trades Council of
- 6 Alameda County, AFL-CIO. I will be speaking.
- 7 In addition, Don Campbell, Executive
- 8 Direction of the National Electrical Contractors
- 9 Association, Northern California Chapter, will be
- 10 speaking.
- 11 And Obray VanBuren, representative of
- 12 the Pipetrades Association, and also of Plumbers
- and Steamfitters Local Union No. 342, will be
- 14 speaking.
- 15 And lastly, Victor Uno, Business Manager
- of the International Brotherhood of Electrical
- Workers Local Union No. 595, will be speaking.
- 18 My comments are the following: The
- 19 Building Trades Council represents 28 local unions
- 20 with a combined membership in Alameda County of
- 21 approximately 40,000 workers. Myself and a number
- of representatives of these unions have followed
- 23 this process closely for the 2.5 years that it has
- 24 been moving forward starting, I believe, looking
- 25 back at my notes, back in January of 2002.

1	We've been impressed with the due
2	diligence on the part of the staff; we've been
3	impressed with the deliberation that has gone
4	forward in an attempt to identify possible
5	impacts, and to address those with appropriate
6	mitigations.
7	We feel the process has been appropriate
8	and that the conclusions of the staff are
9	appropriate; and that this project now should go
10	forward with approval today.
11	We've seen that the U.S. Fish and
12	Wildlife Service has given their approval. That
13	both the Bay Area and the San Joaquin Air
14	Districts have given their approval.
15	We've seen point-by-point the issues
16	addressed and we believe that the proper consensus
17	at this point is that this project, which will
18	help protect the grid in California, the
19	electrical grid of California, is both prudent and
20	practical. And is a necessary safeguard against
21	the type of electrical stoppages that we saw in
22	California earlier.
23	And so for that reason our Building
24	Trades Council and all the unions support this
25	project.

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1	I'm now going to hand the phone over to
2	Mr. Campbell, the Executive Director of National
3	Electrical Contractors Association.
4	MR. CAMPBELL: I'm thankful for the
5	opportunity to say a few words about this project.
6	The National Electrical Contractors Association
7	has been quite involved with the power issues of
8	California since deregulation has come into effect
9	some years ago. And we have been quite vocal in
10	that process.

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We stand as an association of contractors in support of this project going forward. I'm the Executive Director of the Northern California Chapter, as was mentioned; and we represent about 200 contractors that employ about 2000 electrical workers in the Alameda, San Joaquin and Calaveras County area. And we stand in absolute support of this project going forward. And I thank you for your time.

MR. LUBOVISKI: I will now hand the phone over to Obray VanBuren with the Pipetrades Association and with the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local Union No. 342.

MR. VAN BUREN: Good morning. My name 24 is Obray VanBuren, spelled O-b-r-a-y 25

1 V-a-n-B-u-r-e-n. And I represent the Pipetrades

- 2 Association and UA Local 342, Plumbers and
- 3 Steamfitters.
- We're in support of this project. We've
- 5 been watching the process over 2.5 years and we
- 6 know that you guys have taken all the precautions
- 7 to see that this project meets all your
- 8 qualifications.
- 9 This would have a positive effect on the
- 10 economic standing of our members, and we think it
- 11 would have a positive effect economically for the
- 12 area, in general. We support this project and we
- 13 hope that you'll move this project forward.
- 14 Also, we believe that it will be
- important as far as making sure that we don't have
- 16 power outages in the future. Thank you for your
- 17 time.
- 18 MR. LUBOVISKI: And now the last speaker
- 19 with us here, Victor Uno, the Business Manager of
- 20 the International Brotherhood of Electrical
- Workers Local Union No. 595.
- MR. UNO: Yes, I want to thank the
- 23 Commission Members for allowing me to speak to you
- in this fashion.
- I represent 2000 members, electricians,

in Alameda County and also San Joaquin County, on

- 2 both sides of the County there. We have also been
- 3 following this project over the last two years.
- 4 I've attended some of the meetings.
- 5 I really appreciate the due diligence
- 6 that the Commission has paid to this process. I
- 7 think our members are very concerned about
- 8 maintaining environmental standards, issues of air
- 9 quality. We have informed our members about these
- 10 issues.
- Our members are strongly in support of
- 12 this measure. We think that the reports that have
- 13 been given, the different studies have shown that
- 14 you have followed the process in a proper manner.
- 15 Because we have members that live in Tracy, live
- in Pleasanton, and the different Bay Areas, we
- 17 definitely have been concerned about some of these
- 18 issues.
- 19 But we support this project
- 20 wholeheartedly, and would urge the Commission to
- 21 proceed in your duty in this process and approve
- this project.
- 23 Again, I want to thank you for allowing
- 24 me to speak to you in this manner. Thank you very
- 25 much.

1	MR. LUBOVISKI: We have no other
2	comment, and thank you for affording us the time.
3	COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Is there anyone
4	else on the phone that wishes to address the
5	Commission?
6	Is there anyone in the audience that
7	wishes to address us? Mrs. Sarvey?
8	MRS. SARVEY: Good morning; Susan
9	Sarvey, Clean Air for Citizens and Legal Equality.
10	I have a couple of comments. First the whole
11	argument about CO issue. I attended, I think,
12	just about every single meeting that we had on
13	this plant. Staff never volunteered that in
14	California 2 ppm had been attained in CO. It was
15	argued and discussed at great length, and it was
16	always discussed from the point of view that that
17	was only possible on the east coast, it was not
18	done in California.
19	If you truly feel that you have a
20	defendable position for not allowing us the best
21	control technology in Tracy, when we are in severe
22	nonattainment, I feel they would have been
23	forthcoming and said, we sited Magnolia with 2 ppm
24	but we don't need to do it for the Tesla plant;
25	they need to be at 4 for these reasons. And we

- 1 would have had an open debate on that issue.
- The entire air quality analysis done by
- 3 Mr. Brewster was based on the assumption that air
- 4 quality in my community was going to get better
- 5 because of the new automobiles and new engines
- 6 that are being built.
- 7 Since we have the PMPD several very
- 8 significant things have happened in our area. One
- 9 of them being that the high court ruled trucks can
- 10 now come into California and drive through the
- 11 Central Valley from Mexico. I don't know who's
- been to Mexico, but have you seen a truck in
- 13 Mexico? That's a nightmare.
- 14 And any new control technology that's on
- the vehicle that I am paying for will only
- 16 hopefully offset that truck. It's not going to
- improve my air quality one bit.
- I think the air quality issue needs to
- be completely revisited. And as for the 70
- 20 percent transport factor, yes, it was discussed
- 21 with ARB initially in the process. But during the
- 22 conclusion and the middle of the process, they ARB
- 23 was not consulted. At the end they were not told
- that a 70 percent transport factor had been
- adopted.

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- 2 But in the long haul they were not told about the
- 3 70 percent transport factor. And you should be
- 4 asking them how they feel about that.
- 5 And I really think you need to
- 6 reconsider Mr. Birdsall's position because it is
- 7 completely opposed to Mr. Tuan Ngo's, who works
- 8 for staff, also. And it was based on Mr. Ngo's
- 9 not believing that the new technology was going to
- 10 make such a huge benefit to the Central Valley
- 11 that we would no longer have an air problem. And
- Mr. Birdsall believes there will be.
- So I do think you need to talk to the
- 14 ARB about this, because they were consulted
- 15 initially, but they were not informed of where it
- 16 ended up.
- We are already over the state health
- 18 based standard for PM10 where I live. The cancer
- 19 risk where I live is three times the cancer rate
- in the rest of the State of California. We're
- 21 three times higher. It's really scary where I
- live how many people I know right now who have
- 23 cancer. I a friend who's dying right this second
- of breast cancer; buried a friend two weeks ago
- 25 with pancreatic cancer within eight weeks of being

1 diagnosed. A ten-year-old child with my daughter

- 2 in school; she is being treated for leg cancer as
- 3 we speak, and brain cancer. It is not like you
- 4 go to Tracy and you don't know people who have
- 5 cancer.
- 6 We have extremely high asthma rates.
- 7 And the position that we don't get 2 ppm for CO
- 8 because we're not in severe nonattainment for CO,
- 9 what is up with that? I'm in severe nonattainment
- 10 for everything else. This idea that we're doing
- something and it's going to get better, and we'll
- 12 look at it down the road does not work. That's
- how I got in severe nonattainment in the first
- 14 place.
- 15 For the first time in the last three
- 16 months, I've been coming to these hearings for a
- 17 couple years, and people do not understand when I
- 18 talk about particulate matter. I have people
- 19 coming up, my cleaning lady's grandson, he's one
- 20 years old, he is in ICU right now. His doctor
- 21 told her he could die because he has been exposed
- 22 to a toxic air contaminant that's a particulate
- 23 that is in his lung. It's given him inflammation.
- 24 They're treating him for it, but the drug they're
- 25 treating it with has now caused pneumonia. It's a

- 1 double-edged sword.
- 2 So, it is a very serious problem. It's
- 3 not something abstract. These are real people.
- And I can't believe how many people I've talked to
- 5 in the last three or four months who have said, I
- 6 never knew what you were talking about, but my kid
- 7 has an asthma attack, my kid is getting sick, and
- 8 the doctors are telling me it's from toxic
- 9 particulate. What is toxic particulate?
- 10 It has changed in Tracy in just the last
- 11 four months, the particulate levels. You can see
- 12 it if you live there. If you live there you know
- 13 what I'm talking about. The air is gross right
- 14 now.
- But at the end of the PMPD I brought up
- 16 the issue that I was very very concerned about how
- 17 we had not heard from the Alameda County
- 18 Department of Public Health, who was going to be
- 19 responsible for overseeing the cooling towers of
- 20 the Tesla Power Plant for the recycled water and
- 21 Legionella.
- 22 And I was told to talk to the compliance
- 23 manager. And I spoke with her and the most
- 24 disturbing thing she told me was that, yes, she
- 25 was responsible for compliance, but legally she

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1 had no right to make them turn off if there was a
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- 2 Legionella outbreak. She could only fine them.
- 3 The only agency that had the ability to tell them
- 4 to turn off was the Department of Public Health in
- 5 Alameda County.
- I have my phone records to prove that I
- 7 have called Alameda County Public Health
- 8 Department for over three weeks on a daily basis,
- 9 trying to speak to the woman who is responsible
- 10 for this. And she refuses to return my calls.
- 11 I have talked to so many underlings that
- 12 I am like blue in the face. I asked for a Freedom
- of Information Act request so that I could ask how
- 14 they planned on overseeing and monitoring these
- 15 cooling towers, and I still didn't get a response.
- So then when I called to file a
- 17 complaint that I did not get a response to my
- 18 Freedom of Information Act request for a form so I
- 19 could find out how they were going to monitor
- 20 these towers, someone tells me, well, off the
- 21 record we don't have a policy for doing that. And
- we're trying to figure out how we're going to do
- that. But we have never done that before.
- 24 So then I went on the internet and I
- 25 read about Legionella. There have been Legionella

outbreaks in this country. And the biggest

problem with a Legionella outbreak is doctors do

not know how to identify Legionella. So, until

people come into the hospital with respiratory

illness and die for reasons unknown, on autopsy

are found to have Legionella, at that point the

Center for Disease Control comes in and says, we

have to identify where the Legionella is coming

have to identify where the Legionella is coming

9 from and turn it off.

This could take weeks. Meanwhile, how many people have died in Tracy unnecessarily because we don't have an adequate monitoring system for the Legionella outbreak?

Now, I know you're inclined to sit there and tell me we won't let that happen, Susan. You will have now licensed two plants within five miles of my community, and no one ever came to any of these hearings and discussed that monitoring program.

We heard how you're going to control biology; we heard how you're going to control transmission. Don't you think this is kind of a really serious issue we needed to know? How are you going to monitor for Legionella and who is going to tell them to turn off? Hey, turn that

- 1 plant off; you're making those people sick. Until
- 2 we figure out how to stop it. That is critical.
- 3 And for them to not be willing to share that
- 4 information is appalling.
- 5 And the other thing that happened in the
- 6 hearing was we were told that, because I requested
- 7 dry cooling because I was so concerned about the
- 8 Legionella issue, I was told that dry cooling was
- 9 not an option because it was okay with the water
- 10 supply because of the Delta-Mendota Canal and all
- of that would not be impacted. That it was not
- 12 necessary to put the recycled water back into the
- 13 river.
- 14 You need to understand that tertiary
- 15 treatment water that is going in that cooling
- 16 tower is clean enough to go back into the river,
- because you're going to be breathing it, heat it.
- 18 And in order for you to be able to breathe it
- 19 heated, it has to be 100 percent clean
- 20 practically. So it is safe to put it back in the
- 21 river.
- 22 Since our last PMPD we had the levee
- outbreak. This just came out; that's why I
- 24 couldn't put it in public comment because I wasn't
- 25 allowed to because public comment was closed. As

bad as it was, it could have been worse. Federal
and state authorities have known the big waves or
an earthquake could cause a much bigger chain
reaction of levee failure across the Delta.

In such a scenario multiple islands would be inundated and salt water would rush inland, possibly forcing officials to shut down the state and federal water pumps for months, leaving some urban areas totally dry.

They have already shut down the pumps outside of Tracy. They had to shut down the pumps because we have too much salt water going in the river. They have no fresh water to dump into the river to counteract that salt water. So the only way to deal with it is to turn it off.

And they now have people quietly meeting down in southern California trying to figure out how to tell southern Californians, hey, you really need to start conserving water because we don't have any water up north like we thought we did.

The water supply is not as secure as it was made out to be. And this is proof. And if you would like, I'll leave this article with

Margret and she can photocopy it for you, because it is a really scary article.

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- 2 on our local television for the last two weeks
- 3 discussing the fact that the majority of the
- 4 levees are privately owned. There is no money to
- 5 maintain them. Three days before this levee broke
- 6 there was a call to the Army Corps of Engineers
- 7 that there was a boil and the person who answered
- 8 the phone said, is it clear water? It's okay.
- 9 And they didn't go out and fix it. And that's why
- 10 it broke away. They only come if the water's
- 11 cloudy.
- 12 I own property on the levee directly
- next to it. I've had a boil. It flooded my
- 14 garage. It happens before you know it. I was
- 15 really lucky that they were able to shore it up.
- 16 There are so many miles of levee in the Delta, in
- 17 Tracy, in Sacramento. And you are not going to
- 18 know what a problem is until it breaks here.
- 19 But if you came to Tracy you would see
- 20 the farmland looks like an ocean right now. And
- 21 when it's windy, we do have big waves on those
- 22 flooded fields. You really need to look at the
- 23 dry cooling issue. Because we already have a
- 24 problem with the water.
- 25 So many things have come up in just the

1 last two weeks. You really need to look at these

- 2 issues. These guys don't even have an ISO
- 3 contract. What is the rush? It's not like
- 4 they're going to go sell -- I'm not preventing
- 5 them from fulfilling their contract. They don't
- 6 even know where they're going to sell it to.
- 7 And the whole argument that we're going
- 8 to have blackouts. I want to know, you have
- 9 already built 24 plants, according to the website,
- 10 peaker plants, little plants all over the place,
- 11 24 new ones. And supposedly it was happening so
- 12 that you could close down the ones that were not
- as clean as the new ones.
- 14 You have not closed a single plant in
- 15 California. You've added 24. And I have one in
- my town right now that's only run four and a half
- 17 hours last year. Why are we having a blackout?
- 18 Why are we having a blackout? And when is enough
- 19 enough?
- How about it's great that we're making
- 21 money building power plants and it's good for the
- 22 economy, but if you can't breathe you can't spend
- 23 that money because you're dead and buried in the
- 24 ground.
- 25 It is your job to be unbiased, impartial

and protect our health. And it needs to be done.

- 2 You promised my Assemblywoman that a cumulative
- 3 health care analysis would be done. And everybody
- 4 has acknowledge that it was not done. And you
- 5 have deemed it to be completely unnecessary, even
- 6 though our cancer rate is three times higher than
- 7 the rest of the state.
- 8 I have a handout for you that will show
- 9 you this, inhalation cancer risk to Tracy. And in
- 10 terms of them getting to do whatever they did with
- 11 that paperwork they filed last night, that is
- 12 wrong. Because I didn't get to send you my
- 13 written comments from everything I've been finding
- 14 out in the news about what's directly happening
- and affecting my community nd you, because it was
- 16 after Monday. I don't think you should be able to
- 17 let them talk verbally about it or anything else.
- They're right; we had a whole bunch of hearings
- 19 and supposedly it was all supposed to be
- 20 discussed.
- 21 They should have discussed that 2 ppm
- 22 way back when we were talking. And you should
- 23 have called them on it, Mr. Geesman, because you
- 24 knew. I'm not here playing hey, let's make a
- deal, can I find out the treasure-hunt facts.

- 1 This is my health and this is my life. You should
- 2 have acknowledged that it had happened. And I
- 3 don't know what was up with that, but it kind of
- disturbs me. It's really disturbing what goes on
- 5 in these hearings.
- The staff is supposed to be impartial
- 7 and look at everything. And my experience in this
- 8 siting case is it's whatever we have to do to be
- 9 able to site the plant. And I am sure you're
- 10 going to license this plant today, and god help
- all of us who live in Tracy.
- 12 Thank you.
- 13 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Thank you, Mrs.
- 14 Sarvey.
- 15 Are there any other members of the
- 16 public who choose to address the Commission at
- 17 this time?
- 18 Hearing none, we have a couple of items
- 19 to deal with before we call for a vote on the
- 20 PMPD, itself.
- 21 First is Mr. Sarvey's motion to strike
- the staff's written comments. We allowed Mr.
- 23 Kramer to verbally summarize those comments.
- 24 And I think the question is whether the
- 25 Commission feels Mr. Sarvey has been prejudiced by

1 the staff having submitted written comments, as	Ι
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- 2 indicated they were handed to me as I was walking
- downstairs, so I've not had a chance to review
- 4 them.
- 5 But what's the pleasure of the
- 6 Commission?
- 7 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Well, it's a
- 8 difficult question. I got these comments
- 9 admittedly last night and read them. But I didn't
- 10 know the rest of the context in which that is
- 11 taken. I don't think there was anything malicious
- 12 intended. I think it was meant to be helpful.
- But I don't know if we can proceed on
- 14 this matter without taking into account these
- documents. I'm not sure that the discussion of
- 16 other items is necessarily relevant to the record
- 17 that's been created to date.
- 18 I'd almost have to ask my fellow
- 19 Committee Members on a little bit of their
- thoughts.
- 21 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: You know, I don't
- think the existence of Mr. Kramer's written
- comments apply one way or the other. They
- 24 certainly haven't influenced me, so I'd be
- completely comfortable with a motion to strike.

1	On the other hand, I don't think that
2	they prejudiced Mr. Sarvey. So, I'd be
3	comfortable with a motion to deny his request to
4	strike. It's really a question of how the
5	Commission would most appropriately like to
6	proceed, both in this case and probably in sending
7	a message to the staff as to when to file comments
8	in future cases.
9	COMMISSIONER PFANNENSTIEL: I saw the
10	comments this morning shortly before I came down
11	here. Did not have a chance to do anything more
12	than skim them. I think that they probably should
13	be struck. I don't see
14	COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Okay.
15	COMMISSIONER PFANNENSTIEL: any value
16	to
17	COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: We'll take
18	COMMISSIONER PFANNENSTIEL: having
19	them in.
20	COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: We'll take that
21	as a motion. Is there a second to the motion?
22	COMMISSIONER BOYD: I'll second the
23	motion.
24	COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: It's been moved
25	and seconded. Is there any further discussion?

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1	All those in favor of granting Mr.
2	Sarvey's motion to strike please say aye.
3	(Ayes.)
4	COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: All those
5	opposed? Motion to strike carries four to zero.
6	Another item that we need to deal with,
7	Mike Boyd, representing CARE, had submitted a
8	request for clarification on May 31st in which he
9	asked the Committee to direct staff to explain why
10	the staff had failed to analyze impacts of the
11	project's toxic emissions on adjacent biological
12	resources.
13	The public health testimony indicated
14	that toxic emissions do not travel far from their
15	source. So Mr. Boyd wanted to know about the
16	impact on adjacent biological resources.
17	Staff filed a response on June 10th
18	explaining that effects of criteria and
19	noncriteria pollutants on biological resources
20	were discussed in the record and that no
21	significant impacts were identified.
22	I want to acknowledge that the staff did
23	respond to Mr. Boyd's request for clarification.
24	And with that, I think that the question

25 before us is there a motion to approve the Revised

1	PMPD	and	errata.

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3 COMMISSIONER PFANNENSTIEL: Second.

4 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: It's been moved

5 and seconded. Is there any further discussion?

6 All those in favor of the motion, please

7 say aye.

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8 (Ayes.)

9 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: All those

10 opposed? Motion carries four to zero.

I want to thank the staff and the

12 applicant for the way you've conducted the case;

and also to comment Mr. and Mrs. Sarvey and Mr.

Boyd for the large impact you had on the

15 mitigation measures here.

16 Commissioner Rosenfeld, the chair is

17 yours once again.

18 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Thank you

for doing this troublesome issue. And, Bob

20 Sarvey, thank you again for all your contribution.

21 In observing this from afar I think you have

22 contributed to the mitigation, and you have

23 certainly made me think about we better go in for

24 being thoughtful about this and for more

25 conservation. So, thank you.

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1	MR. SARVEY: Thank you, Commissioner.
2	ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Okay. Boy,
3	we're through item 2.
4	Item 3, Mountainview. Possible approval
5	of a petition for partial re-route of the 17-mile
6	natural gas pipeline. Commissioner Geesman, you
7	seem to be very much upfront today. Are you
8	willing to guide this?
9	COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Yes, I think
10	Donna is here to walk us through it.
11	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (inaudible).
12	MS. TRONAAS: Is that better? Okay, I'm
13	Nancy Tronaas standing in for Donna Stone this
14	morning.
15	This petition for the Mountainview Power
16	project is to modify portions of the 17-mile
17	natural gas pipeline. The proposed modifications
18	will add a valve station at the interconnect point
19	to comply with recent changes in federal
20	regulations.
21	It will reroute the pipeline under the
22	Union Pacific tracks due to insufficient clearance
23	on the Mill Street Bridge. It will reroute the
24	pipeline through the Tippiecanoe Bridge, over the

Santa Ana River rather than drilling under the

1	river.	And	add	αp	to	five	temporary	construction

- 2 laydown areas along the pipeline route to
- 3 facilitate the construction.
- 4 Staff has analyzed the proposed changes
- 5 and we determined the required findings of 1769
- 6 can be made. And that there will be no
- 7 unmitigated environmental effects with the
- 8 implementation of the recommended revisions to
- 9 biological conditions of certification. No public
- 10 comments were received on this petition or the
- 11 staff analysis.
- 12 And staff recommends approval and
- 13 project representatives are here if you have any
- 14 technical questions.
- 15 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: The Siting
- 16 Committee reviewed this and found it to be a good
- 17 modification.
- 18 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Do I hear a
- 19 motion?
- 20 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: I would move the
- 21 item.
- 22 COMMISSIONER PFANNENSTIEL: Second.
- 23 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: All in favor
- say aye.
- 25 (Ayes.)

1	ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Four to
2	nothing.
3	Item 4, California Public Utilities
4	Commission. Possible approval of a resolution
5	adopting a collaborative mode of working with the
6	CPUC in connection with integrated electricity
7	resource planning and procurement. Jennifer
8	Tachera is here to tell us about it.
9	MS. TACHERA: Good morning,
10	Commissioners. In response to the California
11	Public Utilities Commission's invitation for the
12	other state energy agencies to join them in this
13	proceeding, Commissioner Geesman and President
14	Peevey sent a joint letter stating that desire.
15	And this resolution adopts a
16	collaborative mode with the CPUC and invites them
17	to participate in our IEPR proceeding.
18	ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Seems
19	wonderful to me. Any comments by any of the
20	Commissioners?
21	COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: I think this is
22	an important way to both continue the harvest of
23	some of the benefits from the 2003 IEPR, and also
24	to make certain that the work that we have
25	underway for both the 2004 update and the 2005

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- of some assistance to the PUC in their procurement
- 3 process.
- 4 I would move the item.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BOYD: I'll second the item
- 6 and just indicate that I, too, see this as another
- 7 major stepping stone along the path to greater
- 8 integrated collaboration and cooperation in
- 9 program development between these two agencies.
- 10 And I look forward to a positive contribution for
- 11 both of us to the overall subject.
- 12 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: All those in
- favor of item 4?
- 14 (Ayes.)
- 15 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Four to
- 16 zero; thank you, Jennifer.
- 17 Item 5, 2004 and '5 geothermal program
- 18 funding recommendations. Possible approval of
- 19 projects selected as a result of the PON for those
- 20 years. Elaine Sison-Lebrilla.
- MS. SISON-LEBRILLA: Good morning. In
- 22 December of 2003 the Commission released a program
- 23 opportunity notice for the geothermal target
- 24 solicitation. Program funding is through the
- 25 Public Interest Energy Research program and the

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2	In accordance with the application
3	manual for the geothermal target solicitation each
4	final proposal was screened for completeness and
5	reviewed by Commission Staff and outside technical
6	consultants. Then the Commission's Technical
7	Advisory Committee reviewed, evaluated and scored
8	completed proposals submitted in response to the
9	solicitation using the criteria described in
10	regulations.
11	Based on the TAC's evaluation scores and
12	suggested conditions on funding the Commission's
13	Research Development and Demonstration Committee
14	has made its proposed funding recommendations for

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this solicitation.

The proposed awards total approximately \$4.6 million; 4 million coming from PIER and 2.6, approximately 2.6 million coming from GRDA, GRDA.

For the record I'd like to list the recipients of these awards, the title of the project and the dollar amount. And also recommended conditions for these awards.

ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: These, of course, come through the Committee. Any comments by --

1	COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: I'm fully
2	supportive, Mr. Chairman, and I would move the
3	item.
4	COMMISSIONER PFANNENSTIEL: I second the
5	motion.
6	ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Looks like
7	this will go easily.
8	All in favor please say aye.
9	(Ayes.)
10	ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Four to
11	nothing; thank you, Elaine.
12	MS. SISON-LEBRILLA: Thank you.
13	ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Four loans.
14	Item 6, County of San Diego. Possible
15	approval of a loan to the County of San Diego for
16	\$3 million to install energy efficient HVAC
17	systems and controls. The project is expected to
18	save \$400,000; has a simple payback of seven
19	years. Bond funds.
20	Ram Verma is going to say a few words.
21	We have three of these to get through, so you
22	probably don't have to say very many words, Ram.
23	(Laughter.)
24	MR. VERMA: Good morning. Staff is

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25 seeking approval of a \$3 million loan to the

1	County	οf	San	Diego.	With	the	heln	\circ f	this	loan
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- 2 the County will install energy efficiency measures
- 3 at six facilities. These facilities include
- 4 office buildings, retention facilities and a
- 5 hospital. Total area of these buildings is more
- 6 than 2 million square feet.
- 7 And energy efficiency measures include
- 8 time clocks on -- fans; variable frequency drives
- 9 on chillers; chilled water pumps; condenser pumps
- 10 and cooling towers. They will also replace three-
- 11 way valves with two-way valves. And they will
- 12 (inaudible) economizers and will integrate them
- 13 with EMS system.
- This project will cost \$3.5 million.
- Our loan amount is \$3 million. The simple payback
- is 7.4 years. The interest rate on this loan will
- be 3.95 percent; and the funds will come from the
- 18 Energy Conservation Assistance Account and the
- 19 bond fund.
- 20 This loan was approved by the Energy
- 21 Efficiency Committee. Any questions?
- 22 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Sounds like
- 23 the Energy Efficiency Committee might want to move
- 24 it.
- 25 COMMISSIONER PFANNENSTIEL: And the

1	Energy	Efficiency	Committee	moves	the	motion.

- 2 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Second.
- 3 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: All in favor
- 4 please say aye.
- 5 (Ayes.)
- 6 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Four to
- 7 nothing, thank you.
- 8 Ram, I guess -- no, we're changing
- 9 spokesmen. Are you continuing on item 7?
- 10 MR. VERMA: Don is the --
- 11 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Oh, okay.
- MR. VERMA: Thank you.
- 13 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Item 7,
- 14 Paradise Unified School District. Possible
- approval of a nearly \$600,000 loan for the
- 16 Paradise Unified School District in Oroville for
- 17 the installation of energy efficient HVAC and
- 18 classroom lighting systems. These projects are
- 19 estimated to save the School District \$62,000 each
- 20 year in electricity costs. And of a simple
- 21 payback of 9.5 years. Bond funds and/or ECAA
- 22 funded. By Don Kazama.
- MR. KAZAMA: Good morning,
- 24 Commissioners. The Paradise Unified School
- 25 District near Oroville has applied to the Energy

1	Commission for a Energy Conservation Assistance
2	Act and/or bond fund loan in the amount of
3	\$596,000 to replace their old inefficient air
4	conditioning units with new efficient models.
5	And also to install a control system to
6	control the units. In addition they will be
7	replacing their older inefficient lighting system
8	with new generation T8 fluorescent lamps and
9	electronic ballasts.
10	As mentioned, these projects will save
11	the School District a substantial amount of
12	operating costs annually. It will reduce their

electricity costs by \$62,400 each year.

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And because of the savings these projects will pay back in less than ten years, 9.5 years. Ten years is the requirement to receive the ECAA loan. This item was moved and approved by the Energy Efficiency Committee for calendaring today at the full business meeting. And staff recommends that the Commission approve this loan to the District.

What is your pleasure? I'd be happy to answer any technical questions for you.

ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: One small 24 question. There's matching money from the School 25

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- 3 initially had received an allocation from the
- 4 State Allocation Board to modernize their
- 5 campuses, so they are more than matching funds for
- 6 this project. The overall modernization fund was
- 7 in excess of \$1 million. We are loaning \$596,000
- 8 to make incremental efficiency improvements. That
- 9 is correct.
- 10 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: I don't want
- 11 to seem hostile to this, but I am a little
- 12 puzzled. If the total project is more like \$1.6
- million, then the overall payback time is really
- 14 wrong.
- 15 MR. KAZAMA: That is correct, but we are
- 16 loaning on the incremental improvements --
- 17 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: No, I
- 18 realize that our rules just have to say that our
- 19 part gets paid back in less than ten years.
- 20 MR. KAZAMA: Our part gets paid back in
- less than ten years, 9.5 years, barely.
- 22 COMMISSIONER PFANNENSTIEL: I move the
- 23 item.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BOYD: I'll second the
- 25 item.

1 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: All in favor

- 2 please say aye.
- 3 (Ayes.)
- 4 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Four to
- 5 nothing.
- 6 MR. KAZAMA: Thank you.
- 7 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Thank you,
- 8 Don Kazama.
- 9 Eight, City of Redondo Beach. A loan
- for about \$100,000 to install CO2 sensors in the
- 11 library and performing arts center, and exhaust
- fan for carbon monoxide control in the parking
- garage. The project is estimated to save \$13,000
- 14 a year and has a simple payback of eight years.
- We're a little safer. Tony Wong.
- MR. WONG: Good morning, Commissioners.
- 17 Redondo Beach proposed to install the CO2 sensor,
- as well as the carbon monoxide sensors at various
- 19 city facilities. Basically the CO2 sensor will
- 20 detect the increased or decreased level of
- 21 occupancy, and also modulate fresh air according
- 22 to the need, not based on a fixed maximum designed
- 23 occupancy. The energy costs associated with
- 24 cooling outside air will be reduced.
- 25 And the City is going to use the air

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         test technology model TR9291, which is certified
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                   And we have evaluated the project and
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         economically feasible. And also meets the loan
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         criteria. And the Efficiency Committee approved
         the project. And I'm happy to answer any
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         questions you may have.
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                   COMMISSIONER PFANNENSTIEL: I move the
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         item.
                   COMMISSIONER BOYD: Second.
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                   ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: All in
         favor?
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                   (Ayes.)
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                   ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Thank you.
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        Number 9, Sidley, Austin, Brown and Wood, LLP.
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         Possible approval of contract 140-04-001 for
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         $60,000, I think that's over three years, to
         provide bond and tax legal advice to support the
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         Energy Conservation Assistance Act funded loans.
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        Liz Flores.
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                   MS. FLORES: Good morning. This is a
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\$60,000 legal services contract to support the

Account or ECAA program. In 2003 the Consumer

Commission's Energy Conservation Assistance

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1	Power Authority issued a \$28 million bond for the
2	ECAA program. The proceeds from the bond are used
3	to make loans for energy efficiency measures.

The Power Authority contracted with the lawfirm of Sidley, Austin, Brown and Wood as bond counsel for this bond sale. After the bond deal closed, the Energy Commission wanted to maintain access to Sidley's legal services, so we had a contract with the Power Authority. And the Power Authority made its contract with the Sidley lawfirm.

Our contract with the Power Authority expires June 30th of this year. This contract is directly between the Energy Commission and the Sidley firm for three years. The Sidley firm will provide tax advice on the eligibility of new loans and help the Energy Commission with administrative tasks required by the bond documents, such as reporting and disclosures. The Sidley firm can also help revised bond documents or write opinion letters if necessary.

 $\label{eq:and_solution} \mbox{And with that I ask for approval of the} \\ \mbox{contract. Any questions?}$

24 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: I understood you 25 to say that if, in fact, we seek an opinion letter

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- this contract? That there wouldn't be an extra
- 3 charge for that?
- 4 MS. FLORES: The bond documents provide
- 5 that if certain events occur, for example if we
- 6 need to revise the bond documents, we're required
- 7 to have an opinion of bond counsel, --
- 8 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Right.
- 9 MS. FLORES: -- so this particular pot
- of money, the \$60,000, would cover that type of an
- 11 opinion.
- 12 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Okay.
- 13 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: As I
- 14 remember this came through the Efficiency
- 15 Committee?
- 16 COMMISSIONER PFANNENSTIEL: Yes. I just have
- one question. Currently we have a contract
- through the Power Authority to do this?
- MS. FLORES: That's correct, they --
- 20 COMMISSIONER PFANNENSTIEL: And how much
- 21 is that for?
- MS. FLORES: That was \$20,000 for one
- 23 year.
- 24 COMMISSIONER PFANNENSTIEL: I see, so
- 25 this is the same amount?

1 MS. FLORES: Right. We anticipate

- 2 \$20,000 or less per year.
- 3 COMMISSIONER PFANNENSTIEL: Okay.
- 4 MS. FLORES: For legal services.
- 5 COMMISSIONER PFANNENSTIEL: Thank you.
- 6 I move approval.
- 7 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Second.
- 8 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: All in
- 9 favor?
- 10 MR. CHAMBERLAIN: Commissioner Geesman,
- just for the record --
- 12 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Oh, excuse
- 13 me.
- MR. CHAMBERLAIN: -- I think for
- 15 clarification these contracts are basically hourly
- services contracts. And we only pay for whatever
- it is that we order. It's not a --
- 18 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Okay.
- 19 MR. CHAMBERLAIN: -- sort of fixed
- 20 price, they get 60,000 and we get whatever we
- 21 need.
- 22 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Okay.
- 23 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: They bill
- us, we pay them.
- MS. FLORES: That's correct.

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- 2 retainer.
- 3 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Okay, all in
- 4 favor?
- 5 (Ayes.)
- 6 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Four to
- 7 zero, thank you, Liz.
- 8 Safe, clean school buses. Indoor air
- 9 quality. Katz Safe School Bus Demonstration
- 10 Program Phase 5. Possible approval of 13
- 11 contracts listed below for a total of nearly \$2
- 12 million for the school districts to purchase new,
- 13 safer, low emission school buses. The school
- 14 districts will be required to destroy one pre-
- 15 April 1977 bus for every new bus received. Mike
- 16 Trujillo.
- 17 MR. TRUJILLO: Good morning. This is
- our fifth and hopefully final phase, because I
- 19 think the money runs out on the Katz Safe School
- Program.
- 21 We've got 13 school districts identified
- and have passed the criteria that we'd like to
- 23 enter into contracts with. And with that I would
- ask for approval of us to enter into those
- contracts.

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- 2 Mr. Boyd's.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Mr. Chairman, yes.
- 4 I'd move approval. And I'd like to take an
- 5 exception with Mr. Trujillo by saying I hope it's
- 6 not final, because we still have a long way to go.
- 7 MR. TRUJILLO: When I say that, we've
- 8 run out of PVA funds. I wish we could --
- 9 COMMISSIONER BOYD: I appreciate that --
- 10 MR. TRUJILLO: -- find another funding
- 11 source.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BOYD: -- I just want the
- 13 record to show that there are still a lot of very
- 14 old buses running around, and it would be nice for
- 15 the safety and health of the kids --
- 16 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Jim, he's
- 17 telling you to go out and raise some more money.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Right.
- MR. TRUJILLO: Well, it's kind of sad.
- 20 We are the leader in old buses in the nation, and
- 21 there's still about 900 of these pre-'77 buses
- 22 still out there. And with this program, we also
- are replacing some 1960 buses.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BOYD: So, hopefully Mr.
- 25 Therkelsen will take the message to go seek money.

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        I move approval.
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- COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: Second.
- 3 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: All in
- favor?
- 5 (Ayes.)
- ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Four to 6
- nothing. Thank you, sir. 7
- MR. TRUJILLO: Thank you. 8
- 9 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Minutes.
- COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: I need to 10
- 11 abstain, Mr. Chairman; I was not at this meeting.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BOYD: Nor was I, so --
- ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Hey, what do 13
- 14 we do, Mr. --
- 15 COMMISSIONER GEESMAN: I think you put
- 16 it over, don't you?
- 17 (Parties speaking simultaneously.)
- 18 MR. CHAMBERLAIN: Yes, if you only have
- two votes, you need to put it over. 19
- 20 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: For the
- record I've decided we'll put it over. 21
- 22 Commission Committee and Oversight.
- 23 Nobody has anything to say.
- 24 Chief Counsel.
- 25 MR. CHAMBERLAIN: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

1	I'm pleased I have two items to report to you this
2	morning. The first one is that we have a decision
3	in the Voices of the Wetlands case, at least an
4	intended decision, from the Monterey Superior

This case, as you may recall, was

brought by an environmental group seeking to shut

down the Moss Landing Power Plant until dry

cooling or a cooling tower system was installed.

Court.

They did not attack the Commission's license for the project, but instead sought judicial review of the NPDES permit, which, in this case, was issued some time after our license was issued and had become final.

The project, of course, has been constructed and is in operation. And we became involved in the case as amicus when the parties were discussing whether or not that case really was procedurally appropriate, given that there had been no judicial review of the Energy Commission's license. And that issue, of course, was important to us.

We were not successful in getting the Superior Court to throw the case out on that basis, but the issue remains. The court examined

the case on the merits and initially determined
that the Regional Board's action was not proper;
that the best technology available had not been
installed or at least he could not find that it
had been, because of a lack of evidence on one of
the findings. And he remanded it to the Regional

7 Board for additional consideration.

We, and the California ISO participated in that, to present evidence on the potential impact of a shutdown of that facility on the power system.

And this intended decision, which was issued yesterday now, has determined that what the Regional Board did on the remand was appropriate, and therefore that the original petition is now dismissed.

We can anticipate there is a potential, at least, that this decision, if it becomes final, will be appealed. And we will continue to monitor it.

The second item that I was going to simply make you aware of is that on June 9th the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued a decision in the Sound Energy Solutions case. You may recall that the Commission considered, but

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1 decided not, to participate in a petition for
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- 2 rehearing in this case.
- 3 This has to do with an LNG terminal that
- 4 has been proposed in Long Beach Harbor. And the
- 5 issue was the extent to which FERC can assert
- 6 exclusive jurisdiction to license that and preempt
- 7 all other state and local laws.
- 8 FERC has clarified in this decision that
- 9 a number of state environmental laws should
- 10 continue to apply to the situation. And so there
- 11 has been some progress in that regard. But in
- 12 essence FERC continues to maintain that its
- jurisdiction preempts the Public Utilities
- 14 Commission's regulation of the facility.
- 15 And it's a fairly extensive -- I think
- it's about 49 pages long. If any of you would
- 17 like a copy of it I'd be happy to provide it to
- 18 you.
- 19 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Thank you,
- 20 sir. I don't want a copy.
- 21 Legislative Director's report? Nobody
- 22 here? Are you the Legislative Director for the
- 23 morning, sir?
- MR. THERKELSEN: I'm not the Legislative
- Director, but I will do the Executive Director's

- 1 report, if you want.
- 2 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: All right,
- 3 we'll do that.
- 4 MR. THERKELSEN: We don't have anything
- 5 under legislation today.
- At a previous business meeting there had
- 7 been a request to understand where renewable funds
- 8 had been moving over the recent past. And I've
- 9 asked Marwan to come and give you a brief
- 10 presentation on what the status is of the
- 11 renewable funds and what have been their movements
- 12 recently. So, Marwan.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BOYD: There's a legitimate
- 14 reason for the CRT tube here to be burning away
- for the last hour with a chart in it. Okay. I
- 16 was afraid somebody left it on.
- 17 MR. THERKELSEN: I don't know that it's
- 18 burning, but -- probably have the chart well
- 19 memorized, then.
- 20 (Laughter.)
- 21 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: There were a
- lot of distractions.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BOYD: I covered it with
- paper so as not to distract me.
- 25 (Pause.)

1	MR. MASRI: Good morning. Just a quick
2	brief background to put this in context. The
3	renewables program was designed to have five
4	accounts that you see on the left there, on the
5	first slide, that aim to provide support for
6	different parts of the renewables market.
7	And I think briefly describe what this
8	account is like puts the re-allocation in context
9	here.
10	Existing facilities account pays
11	production incentive if it's needed for each
12	period monthly to pay on the market price
13	received, compared to a target price that we set.
14	We may or may not pay for these projects.
15	And new facilities provides production
16	incentive to encourage new center station
17	facilities come online.
18	And emerging renewables provides capital
19	cost buydown or rebate for customer-owned
20	renewable projects, mainly photovoltaics.
21	And customer education is really what is
22	says, to raise consumer awareness about renewable
23	energy and choices and options available to them.
24	And customer credit, now defunct, paid
25	consumption credit, cents per kilowatt hour, to

- 1 consumers who purchased green power.
- Now what you see on the left is the
- 3 total money that was authorized to be collected
- for the first four years, which is Senate Bill 90
- 5 in 1998 through 2001. And then five years of
- funding under 1038, 2002 through 2005. And that's
- 7 the --
- 8 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: So, a total
- 9 of eight years.
- 10 MR. MASRI: Total of eight years, and
- 11 the annual level is \$135 million per year.
- 12 There's an inflation adjustment factor provided
- for in the legislation at the lower of the load
- 14 growth or GDP deflator, whichever is less. In the
- past couple years that's been about .7 or 1
- 16 percent per year.
- 17 What you see then, the next column on
- 18 the right is the same accounts with another one
- 19 added, not really an account. I'm talking about
- 20 that bottom called ag/bio program. And the
- 21 reallocation, again in the context, that was
- 22 really implementing legislative authority that was
- given to the Commission to reallocate money among
- 24 accounts, depending on market conditions, in order
- 25 to optimize the effectiveness of the fund.

1	And what you see on this first slide is,
2	and they're color-coded, the amount of money
3	coming from the existing account, for example, \$49
4	million, \$34 million, and \$6 million, and where it
5	went and the arrow colors also is coded to tell
6	you where that money flowed, to which account
7	from which account to which account.

As you can see, the only reallocation was taken out of existing and customer credit.

The two reasons for that is the existing account, as I said, pays really money based on whether it's needed or not. And during the energy crisis, for example, when projects were getting very high prices, for 11 straight months we didn't pay anything.

And so when we reallocate from existing we insure first that the needs for those projects is met and will be met in the future; and any funds are not anticipated then reallocated to be used in the program where it would be more effective and is more needed.

So, in customer credit we discontinued that at the Commission. It was really to fund direct access customers. And since that was closed, there was no longer need for that account.

And its money then went, as you can see, to the
emerging account and to customer education

account.

The money, the customer education

account in this case was really to fund the WREGIS

system under the RPS, since that was required but

not funded.

The difference between the total should be the same in both columns except they're not.

And the reason for that is the two boxes in the middle, gray boxes, two injections came into the fund from outside the renewables fund. One is the interest earnings, \$10 million; and the other one is AB-29X actually allocated some general fund money to the renewables account to fund municipal emerging projects. Because we could not do it at the time, since the money was IOU ratepayer money. And the Legislature said, well, here's some general fund money to do that.

The last box on the right, the ag/bio, that's a \$6 million fund actually carved out of the existing account. That's not new money. And it's to provide incentives for biomass projects that otherwise would have -- that utilize, otherwise -- a fuel that otherwise would have been

- 1 burnt in open field, ag fuel.
- 2 And that one will be done with it by the
- 3 end of this month. We paid already about \$4
- 4 million, \$2 million encumbered and reserved. And
- 5 will be paid by next month.
- 6 So that's an overall picture, really, of
- 7 where we started, where we are today, and where
- 8 did money come from where to where. The
- 9 recipients of the reallocation basically have been
- 10 the RPS and the emerging account.
- In the case of the new facilities
- 12 account, just to give you an idea of the structure
- of the presentation here that you have with you,
- 14 the next slide gives you -- the next page has two
- 15 slides on it. One is -- the next slide to that is
- 16 the emerging account. One of the drivers of this
- 17 allocation is that the demand for emerging account
- has been really phenomenal growth recently. Far
- 19 exceeded any expectation.
- 20 And so the moving of the money to the
- 21 emerging account is to keep the momentum going
- 22 with the industry until we ere in the Commission
- come up with a long-term strategy that's
- 24 sustainable to keep that industry going.
- 25 And then we have a matrix in the back

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- 2 allocations we did, what were the market
- 3 conditions and events that either we responded to,
- 4 or anticipated, and did an allocation to
- 5 accommodate.
- And then in the middle column we tell
- 7 you what allocations we did. In the last column
- 8 some of the results we obtained by doing that
- 9 allocation and some of the rationale for doing it.
- 10 The last page of the presentation, the
- 11 last slide in number 6 is a very short, brief
- 12 snapshot of what the results of the program have
- 13 been so far, which includes some effects of these
- 14 three allocations that have been done.
- 15 At your pleasure I can walk you through
- 16 this in any detail you want. And speak for five
- 17 minutes or five hours, or whatever you'd like to
- do. You don't want me to speak five hours, I'm
- 19 sure. It won't cut into your dinner, but it will
- 20 cut into your lunch.
- 21 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Do you want
- 22 to do the five- or ten-minute version?
- MR. MASRI: Yeah. We basically, if you
- look at the emerging account growth, that's really
- of note. On the top bar chart you see there is

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reservations received. And there you see that
first three years of the program we hardly had any
activity at all, '98, '99 and 2000.
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And in 2001, the beginning of the energy
crisis, we've seen basically in 2001 we got ten
times the applications we got in the previous
year. And that was the beginning of this

8 phenomenal growth that I'm talking about.

Obviously we didn't have enough money to meet that demand growth, so that we got moving money from where we don't think it's needed in the program to meet that.

On the second graph you see --

ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Marwan, --

MR. MASRI: Pardon?

16 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: -- what will

the majority of these 4000 --

18 MR. MASRI: The majority, if you're
19 talking about technologies, photovoltaics more
20 than 90 percent.

21 ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Ninety

22 percent.

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MR. MASRI: Yeah. There are four
technologies eligible, photovoltaics, small wind,
onsite generation wind, solar/thermal electric,

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1 also onsite generation. We have not funded any of
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- 2 that. And fuel cells using renewable fuel, in
- 3 this case digester gas, or landfill gas. We
- 4 funded two applications there. Most of this
- 5 really is photovoltaics.
- The reservations you see up there, our
- 7 experience so far is that 80 percent of those will
- 8 actually become installed, assuming we have the
- 9 funding for them. So that's the success rate of
- 10 projects that come in versus what actually gets
- 11 built.
- 12 We have, so far, as of June of this year
- we have spent \$149 million on emerging account for
- 14 9500 installations.
- 15 COMMISSIONER PFANNENSTIEL: Excuse me,
- 16 Marwan, I --
- MR. MASRI: Yes.
- 18 COMMISSIONER PFANNENSTIEL: -- see that
- 19 you have the rebates paid cumulative. How much
- 20 are we paying per year? What is this -- am I --
- 21 MR. MASRI: That would be actually it's
- 22 accelerating, as you can see. It's about roughly
- 23 in the latest period it was about \$10 million a
- 24 month, is what it's been running. So it's really
- 25 huge.

1	It's tapering off a little bit, that
2	line, the slope is a little bit flatter towards
3	the end because we are now reducing the rebates
4	periodically. And so megawatts per dollar of
5	rebates paid is now rising.
6	COMMISSIONER PFANNENSTIEL: We're at
7	about \$10 million a month?
8	MR. MASRI: Roughly that's the rate
9	we're at right now, yeah.
10	We have inhouse 4600 active reservations
11	for about 19 megawatts that we think will use up
12	about \$60 million, once we approve them.
13	Going over to the matrix. We begin in
14	year 2000; the beginning of the energy crisis we
15	moved \$40 million from the existing account that
16	was not needed because we were making enough
17	money, and auctioned it off for a second auction
18	that netted 17 new projects totaling about 500
19	megawatts that won those awards.
20	This was the Commission's response, part
21	of what we did here, to respond to the energy
22	crisis on all aspects. And so in the renewables
23	program was how can we use the money to bring more
24	projects online quickly.
25	In the year 2001 a lot of things

1	happened	during	the	energy	crisis	there.	W∈

- 2 listed some of the events and occurrences that
- 3 really affected the market, and the market
- 4 conditions. And then our response to that.
- 5 Basically the state was looking for
- 6 megawatts and megawatts anywhere they can get them
- 7 in the scramble to find power and reduce power
- 8 consumption.
- 9 Things that happened. As we know the
- 10 rolling blackouts; energy awareness was
- 11 heightened; and during environment of uncertainty
- was prevailing at the time. The utility rates
- 13 went up, and what's interesting for PVs is that
- 14 another higher tier was added, so that with net
- 15 metering the economic value of PV now is higher.
- And therefore, it's more economically attractive.
- 17 And 29X added \$30 million to the
- 18 emerging renewables program; 15 of that were told
- 19 to move from the renewables program into emerging,
- 20 and the other came from the general fund, the
- 21 other part.
- Now, in the meantime SB-530 was to
- continue the funding for the program past 2001.
- 24 And it got caught up in this whole Edison rescue
- 25 bill, and did not pass -- and failed in 2001. So

we had a hiatus, no funding was coming in. And
that's part of the rationale why we start moving
money to fund the emerging account during this
hiatus.

Moving on to 2002. In October of that year we stopped accepting application for emerging because we ran out of money. And the new funding was not in place, as I said, the bill had not passed. And, so again we start looking for money that we can move from the rest of the program to bridge that gap until the new authorization is granted.

In that year, 1038 passed, but we could not begin to use that money until 2003. And so in the meantime we moved \$10 from customer credit that was not spent and \$6 from the existing fund, again. And another \$13 to the emerging account to fund between October and the time that we can access the new money.

In that same year, of course, tax credit was passed for emerging, and AB-58 extended net metering, -- and affordable housing, 5 percent rebate was put in place. So all these conditions created again fed the demand for emerging that we're trying to deal with here by reallocation.

1	Let's see, in 2003 then we resumed
2	because the funding now was in place, SB-1038,
3	which by the way is the same for PIER also, same
4	funding legislation. And we let's see, the
5	muni money, we returned it to the general fund.
6	Now, you know, budget was a problem. And so
7	general fund money was returned to the general
8	fund. And so \$6 million there was actually sent
9	back to the general fund. And we adopted a
10	declining system of rebates.
11	I should say that in 2001 when major
12	development for emerging that triggered a lot of
13	the growth, also, the Legislature, we were asked
14	to raise the rebate during the energy crisis. And
15	we said the law said should decline over time, we
16	can't raise it. So the legislation then was
17	passed, I think it was 29% that said it's now
18	4.50. We went from \$3 at the time to \$4.50 a
19	watt. A 50 percent increase in rebate. And it
20	was a major, I think, push in installers and
21	retailers, and everybody gearing up for this very
22	high, maybe too high a level, rebate.
23	Going on to this year we and this is
24	what happened, I think, May 19th when the subject
25	came up, in 2004 the emerging account demand

1 continues to grow. And we're still getting a lot

- of the money being saved in the existing account
- 3 again, as they have fixed price contracts and
- 4 basically been making enough money, so we again
- 5 had the opportunity to keep the industry momentum
- 6 going by moving money from the existing account.
- 7 We also moved \$10 million in interest earnings on
- 8 the fund and \$15 million from existing.

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9 The customer credit money that was 10 discontinued basically found its way, 90 percent of it, to the emerging account. And, again, those 11 12 are really both customer side money. One, the 13 emerging said if you want to make your own 14 renewable energy, you go to the emerging. If you 15 want to buy it, you go to customer credit. So the 16 customer credit was gone, the whole money then was directed to consumers through the emerging, with 17

money that we used to fund WREGIS.

We think we made a difference in the renewables market in California. The last page gives you some of the bottomline results we had in all these accounts. And I think the highlight there is that the existing projects continue to operate. They have not gone offline because of

the exception of 10 percent of the customer credit

- 1 lack of economic viability.
- 2 The new account, although problems in
- 3 the market, prevented those projects from easily
- 4 obtaining power purchase agreements, we still had
- 5 over 60 percent of those projects did come online
- 6 and are producing power today. And we only, by
- 7 the way, assessed them for the first five years of
- 8 operation. Then they're on their own after that.
- 9 And the emerging account, you know the
- 10 story about that, is we -- I think Commissioner
- 11 Geesman at one time -- renaissance of the PV
- industry. We may be seeing really what we've been
- waiting for for years, that this industry finally
- 14 breaks through.
- 15 In Japan, interestingly enough, they
- 16 have -- have come from behind and are way ahead of
- 17 us on this now. And they were able to come down
- 18 to almost zero rebate. So we're taking a hard
- 19 look here as what we do from here on, rather than
- just keep feeding the beast, so to speak.
- Okay, this is really in summary what
- we've done. I'd be happy to follow up with any
- one of you, if you want to talk about this in any
- 24 more detail. And I'll be happy to respond to any
- 25 questions.

1	MR. THERKELSEN: Thank you, Marwan. I
2	don't have anything else to report, but I do
3	notice that the Public Adviser's report is next.
4	Margret had to go to another engagement and asked
5	that I simply remind you that on the 24th, next
6	Thursday, we do have the joint agency meeting, the
7	energy action plan meeting. And I do expect that
8	to go longer than the published cut-off time,
9	because we have added an enlarged segment there
10	looking at the summer reliability situation, and
11	in particular, localized reliability needs
12	throughout the state.
13	The other thing she wanted me to mention
14	was the upcoming Siting Committee workshop on
15	petroleum infrastructure that's happening on June
16	28th.
17	So that took care of the Public
18	Adviser's report.
19	ACTING CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: I don't see
20	much public here, so I guess we don't have any
21	public comment.
22	Okay, I close this meeting.
23	(Whereupon, at 12:03 p.m., the business
24	meeting was adjourned.)
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I further certify that I am not of counsel or attorney for any of the parties to said meeting, nor in any way interested in outcome of said meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 29th day of June, 2004.